

Friday Flyer

Selwyn Hall
school

12th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This afternoon, I walked some visitors around the school and we saw British Sign Language being taught, a science lesson classifying animals and children learning to tell the time. Learning looks different for every child, here at Selwyn, but the curriculum remains the same and we are delighted with how well the children are responding to being back after the break. Our visitors commented on how happy the children seemed and how well they were all focusing, whether it was under a duvet, on a trampette or sat at a table. It was an absolutely joy to show them round and your children couldn't have been better ambassadors for our school, exemplifying our school rules of respect, protect and reflect.

Iguanas class

Wow! What a week we have had in Iguanas. In art, we have begun our exploration of Van Gogh and using textures. We have seen huge improvements in our reading ages and our eagerness to read our class book in English and we have continued to approach maths with an open mind and a willingness to challenge ourselves. Learners have found a love for sticker art posters and our learning area is slowly becoming more colourful. We continue to work on our kindness in class and keeping an open dialogue about how we are feeling and how we can all support each other to get the very best out of our day. As per usual it has been a joy to be with the Iguanas this week and I cannot wait to see what we can achieve and do next week. I hope you all have a wonderful and well rested weekend. Miss Hunko



Polar Bear class

Good Friday! We have come to the end of our first full week at Selwyn Hall and what a brilliant week it has been. We have been completing lots of crafts, including painting a money box and decorating the classroom, to give it that personal touch. We have also been doing lots of physical exercise this week, from shooting in basketball, rallying in tennis and testing our distance in throwing. On top of all our great work, we even got a glimpse of snow - sadly not enough to build a snowman though. Have a fantastic weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday. Miss Borgeson

Crocodile class

This has been a fabulous week in Crocodile Class. We have made our own flower clocks, as well as moving clocks, made from paper plates which look AMAZING and have been very useful in helping us tell the time, which we have been learning for quarter past, half past and quarter. In maths we are also beginning to learn our 4- and 8- times tables. We have been learning ball skills in PE, we have played bowling, basketball and seeing who can bounce the ball the highest. We have been enjoying looking at art by Van Gogh including Sunflowers and The Scream which were described as "10/10" and "lovely colours of the sunflowers" as well as drawing our own landscapes. We have also been comparing jobs in different countries in geography and

learning about how we group animals in science. We had our first computing lesson where we designed our own pictures using Paint software and the best part of the week, for me, has been reading to the class which was just lovely. Thank you to my class for all their hard work; have a great weekend, Miss McInnes.

Fox class

Well done Fox class on our first full week of Selwyn spring term. It certainly has been a full week. We have completed more design and make activities, in particular clock making which we tied in with maths lessons on time and duration. A new addition to the timetable this term is British Sign Language [BSL] on a Friday afternoon with Mrs Bentley. We are so fortunate to be able to offer this to your children and we are lucky to have a trained BSL teacher on site. There was great excitement on Wednesday - Miss Hunko's birthday and Fox class children spontaneously planned a surprise Barbie themed party for her, designing and making decorations, planning games – including pin the ponytail on the Barbie, decorating and serving rich tea biscuits, and serving the finest drinks – water! The feedback from the birthday girl was that it was the cutest thing ever. Well done Fox class on your kindness and compassion. Have a great weekend. Mrs Angell

Final Thought

With a new school term comes new illnesses and there have been a lot of reports in the news about whether children should be in school or not. Please see the following link for more details about when your child should be in school and when they should stay at home: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk). If your child feels unwell at school, we will call you as soon as we feel they need to be home. Otherwise, we are happy for them to be in school for as long as they feel well enough.

Have a good weekend.

Rebecca Pine

Headteacher

General School Information

Uniform

There is a school uniform for Selwyn Hall School which can be purchased from the school office. Prices are:

Polo Shirt: £8.25
Sweatshirt: £9.25
Cardigan: £10.25
T-shirt: £ 4.95

School Lunches

All children will be encouraged to have a school lunch and we will order them one every day.

School meals are free for all children at Selwyn Hall School. The menu can be requested from the school office; we are pleased to offer a choice of desserts as part of the meal options and salad and bread are also included as part of the daily meal options and are provided as standard.

There is also an allergen matrix for the menu choices per day.

Please talk to your children about the menu as we will be putting orders in every morning by 9.15am. Children will be eating their lunch with the adults in school at 12pm. Thank you.

Term dates for the academic year 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023

School Closed for Staff Training	Friday 1st September 2023
School Closed for Staff Training	Monday 4th September 2023
Autumn Term begins	Tuesday 5th September 2023
Autumn Half Term	Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October 2023
Last Day of Autumn Term	Wednesday 20th December 2023

Spring Term 2024

Spring Term begins	Thursday 4th January 2024
Spring Half Term	Monday 19th to Friday February 2024
Last Day of Spring Term	Thursday 28th March 2024

Summer Term 2024

Summer Term begins	Monday 15th April 2024
School Closed May Bank Holiday	Monday 6th May 2024
School Closed for Staff Training	Friday 24th May 2024
Summer Half Term	Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024
School Closed for Staff Training	Monday 4th June 2024
Last Day of Summer Term	Friday 19th July 2024
School Closed for Staff Training	Monday 22nd July 2024